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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application, which is now entering the U.S. National Stage pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 371, hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent No. 2583194 published in Japan on November 21, 1996;
- B. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 63-36693 published in Japan on March 9, 1988;
- C. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 7-19634 published in Japan on February 14, 1995;
- D. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 62-27267 published in Japan on February 19, 1987; and
- F. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 9-287666 published in Japan on November 4, 1997.

The above-listed prior arts, which are all in Japanese, are cited in the International Search Report issued by Japanese Patent Office to the above-identified International Application.

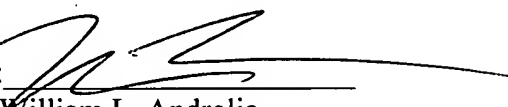
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In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,

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